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Alexandre A.N. Baptista

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FOR: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANE WITH  
VACUUM SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

EXAMINER: Kim

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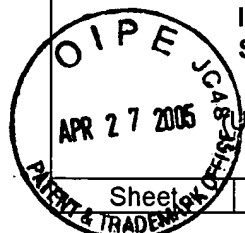
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